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SUBJECT: CAF A-BOMB REENACTMENT

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1. DEPTOFF SPOKE TO CONFEDERATE AIR FORCE FORMER CHIEF WALTER W. ESTRIDGE 9/9 RE CAF PLANS FOR ANNUAL AIR SHOW AND HIROSHIMA REENACTMENT (REFTEL). ESTRIDGE RESPONDED DEPTOFF THAT FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH COUNTRY DIRECTOR LAST YEAR HE HAD CONCLUDED THAT A-BOMB REENACTMENT WAS INADVISABLE AND MADE STRONG EFFORT TO DROP THIS PORTION OF ANNUAL AIRSHOW. UNFORTUNATELY, ESTRIDGE SAID, OTHERS IN CAF WISHED TO CONTINUE TO STAGE REENACTMENT AS CLIMAX TO WWII AIRSHOW. ESTRIDGE SAID HE HAD BEEN REPLACED AS CAF CHIEF BY TRAVIS MCNEIL WHO WAS AMBIVALENT RE REENACT-
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MENT. ESTRIDGE ADDED THAT CAF FOUNDER LLOYD NOLAN AND OTHERS STRONGLY URGED CONTINUATION OF REENACTMENT. DEPTOFF REMINDED ESTRIDGE OF VARIOUS FACTORS MITIGATING AGAINST REENACTMENT AND SUGGESTED THAT STATE/DEFENSE OFFICERS DISCUSS ISSUE WITH CAF LEADERSHIP. ESTRIDGE AGREED AND UNDERTOOK TO SET UP MEETING IN WASHINGTON ON OR ABOUT SEPTEMBER 16.

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2. DEPARTMENT WILL MAKE STRONG EFFORT TO CONVINCE CAF THAT A-BOMB REENACTMENT IS COUNTER TO INTERESTS OF US-JAPAN FRIENDSHIP. WE WILL INFORM YOU OF RESULT OF MEETING.

3. FOR OSAKA KOBE: AS CAF SCHEDULE NOT YET FIRM, ANY HIROSHIMA CITY COMMENT ON REENACTMENT WOULD BE PREMATURE.

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